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Friday April 17, 1987

On Student Government ballot in October

Students to determine fate of NSSA at UNO

By TIM McMAHAN
Staff Reporter

Steve Linenberger, executive director of the Nebraska State Student Association (NSSA), has given tentative approval of a plan allowing UNO a refund of next year's membership fees should UNO opt to pull out of the organization.

The executive committee of the UNO chapter is awaiting final approval of this option from the NSSA board.

The UNO committee met April 9 to decide whether or not to hold a special election to determine if UNO would remain in NSSA. The committee decided to put the question on a ballot during the regular Student Government elections in October.

The committee wants a legal guarantee that they have the right to withdraw from NSSA, including a retroactive refund for fees collected between August and October of 1987 if students vote not to continue supporting NSSA.

"In other words, we don't recommend that the student senate hold a special election unless we don't get some sort of guarantee that we can pull out if things don't improve by next

October," said Senate Speaker Dan Kennedy.

The committee questioned whether the statewide organization could survive since UNL withdrew its membership from NSSA March 4. UNL supplied half of the organization's funding. Without UNL, UNO must begin supplying one-half as opposed to the previous one-quarter of the funding for NSSA if it is to continue. State Colleges contribute the remainder of the NSSA budget.

"I'm not asking UNO to carry us. When UNL fell out, it opened up the door for a stronger organization potentially because of the bond between UNO and the state colleges," Linenberger said.

The leadership of the state and universities have all begun working to make sure that higher education is supported in the Legislature, and "if the students break away from that, we're asking for trouble," Linenberger said.

Should UNO stay in NSSA, Linenberger said the chances are good for moving its offices to this campus. "Moving to a campus would be a gigantic reduction in our budget, and right now we're talking about UNO," he said.

UNO is being considered because of its close proximity to Lincoln, and NSSA would maintain a better public image with offices on the largest member campus, Linenberger said.

The NSSA also is in the process of recruiting Kearney State College for membership, Linenberger said. Kearney would add about 8,000 dues-paying students to NSSA's constituency if they decide to join.

"It was very difficult to convince the (Kearney) administration of the usefulness of NSSA. We had a tough time getting it on their campus," said Don Carlson UNO student senator. "If we drop out of the NSSA and it gets back on its feet, and if UNL joins again or Kearney State joins, we may have just as difficult a time getting back in," he said.

Carlson said no lobbying group from UNO could do an effective job as NSSA without having offices in Lincoln or having twice as much money as the recently formed Committee for Community and Legislative Relations.

CCLR Director Jim Carter said UNO has already proven to the NSSA that the new organization is a politically active body and are going to "tow the line."

"The other campuses are going to have the view of fighting the big school in the urban part of the state," he said. The UNO delegation to NSSA has fought for the other schools in the political arena, but things may change, Carter said.

"I'm not going to fight for the rest of them because they don't fight for me," Carter said, "and if they tell me they are, they're lying. They've proven it to me every time," he said.

UNO Student Government Executive Treasurer Greg Gunderson suggested a change in the funding structure for UNO's contribution to NSSA. UNO may cut its student fee from 50¢ to 25¢ and provide one-quarter of the funding like the other colleges, instead of one-half, he said.

By doing so, each school would get equal representation in NSSA, Gunderson said.

The NSSA constitution states that each student of member schools must pay 50¢ each, so Gunderson's plan cannot be implemented unless the constitution is revised. Linenberger said the constitution may be revised sometime next year.

SG-UNO logo to be added to stationary

A resolution approved by the Student Senate April 2 states that all organizations or agencies receiving an annual allotment through recommendations by the Student Activities Budget Committee (SABC) must carry the SG-UNO logo on all stationery, newsletters or promotional material.

In addition, a second resolution was passed giving the Oversight Committee the responsibility of enforcing the resolution. Organizations or agencies that do not follow the resolution will receive both verbal and written notification of the infraction. After repeated notification, a fine could be levied against the agency, and its director could be found in malfeasance of office and removed from his position.

The purpose of the resolution is to increase the visibility of student government and let the students have a better idea of what it does, said Sen. Cheryl Carter, who submitted the resolution.

"Over the past year and a half, the agencies were told verbally to display the logo, and they weren't sure what to do to comply. Now that it's in writing, they know exactly what to do," said Carter, also chairperson of the Oversight Committee.

Agencies affected would be those funded by Fund A, including SPO, the Gateway, Womens Resource Center, Disabled Students Agency, United Minority Students, International Student Services, and Student Government.

All agencies should be notified by today of the resolution, and enforcement will begin promptly.

Some exceptions could be made to the resolution, she said. "If they have a reason for not posting the logo, they can come to the Oversight Committee and explain the problem and the reason," Carter said. If an agency convinces the committee that their reasons are sound, they won't have to post the logo, she said.

The original idea for the resolution came from Joel Zarr, Carter said.

The idea was to give credit where credit is due. The logo makes people aware that student government is more than just the student senate," Zarr said.

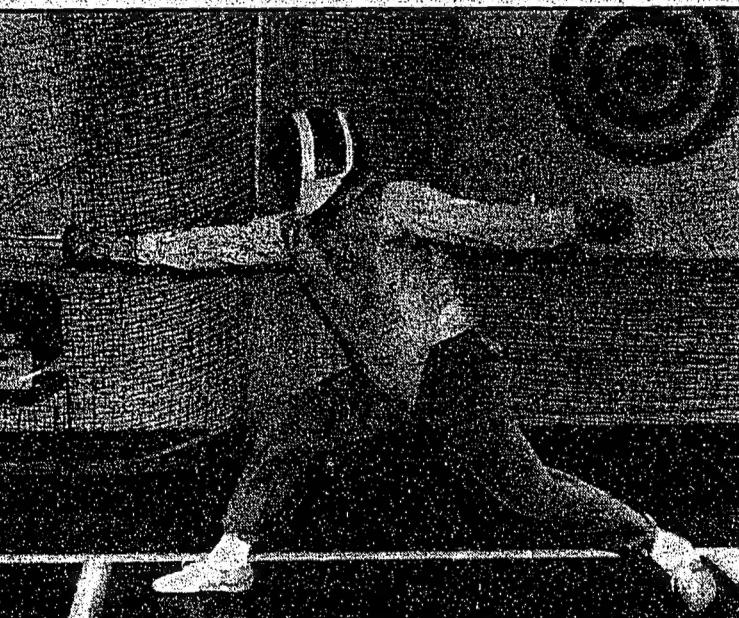
Skeahan appointed

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents approved the appointment of Don Skeahan as assistant vice chancellor for Educational and Student Services at Saturday's meeting.

Skeahan, who currently serves as director of the UNO Student Center, has been employed at the university since 1973. Prior to his arrival at UNO, Skeahan worked as deputy director of the Department of Administrative Services for the state of Nebraska.

He graduated from Wayne State College and later received a master's degree in education from UNL. Skeahan has held several teaching and administrative positions at schools in both Nebraska and Iowa.

As assistant vice chancellor, he will be responsible for the offices of Admissions, Financial Aid and Registrar, as well as for the Student Center.



En garde!

George Havrilak, left, avoids the lunge of Jim Newton at a meeting of the Maverick Fencing Club Sunday at the HPER building. Both men are members of the Forged Excellence Fencing Club at Offutt Air Force Base. UNO's club has six members.

Professors, students receive awards

Professors and students alike were honored Sunday at UNO's annual Honors Convocation.

Four faculty members received special honors for their outstanding efforts. Peter Hill, professor of art; Daniel Blanke, associate professor of health, physical education and recreation; and Peter Suzuki, professor of public administration all received UNO Excellence in Teaching Awards. Dr. Donald C. Cushingberry, professor of teacher education, received the Burlington Northern Foundation Faculty Achievement Award.

Hill attended Albion College and later received a graduate degree from Cranbrook Academy of Art. He began teaching at Omaha University in 1958. Hill continues to be an active painter, and his paintings, drawings and watercolors are displayed widely in museums, corporations and private collections.

Blanke received his undergraduate degree at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, and his doctorate from the University of Oregon. He joined the UNO faculty in 1976. Blanke is involved in research as well as teaching and helped establish an exercise science program at UNO.

Suzuki earned both his bachelor's and his master's degrees in anthropology from Columbia University. After studying at Johns Hopkins and Yale, he earned a Master of Philosophy degree and his doctorate in anthropology from Leiden University in the Netherlands. Suzuki came to UNO in 1973 after teaching at universities in Turkey, Crete and West Germany. He has gained an international reputation as an expert in urban planning.

Cushingberry is a graduate of Fort Hays State College and the Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia. He received his

doctorate in education from the University of Missouri. Cushingberry is currently completing his 10th textbook on reading.

Two Paul L. Beck Faculty-Staff Honors Scholarships were also awarded to students at the convocation. Beverly Lydick received the full-time student award and Shirley Mowry, the part-time student award. Jeanette Benak and Rachel Doerr received Alpha Lambda Delta Awards. Denise Lokke and Sheila Perry received Josephine Ball Scholarship Awards. The Margaret Naylor Scholarship Award went to Kathleen Lucas.

The Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards were awarded to the following: James Angele, Kay Arbegast, Tammy Baer, Lynn Bauer, Erin Colleen Belieu, Christina Belmer, Kerri Beauchamp, Mary Brennan, Cynthia Brown, John Caporale, Dennis Chartraw, James Dingess, Charles Dragon, Danielle Dubuc, Peggy Korth Elstun, Annise Fargher, Dennis Fitzpatrick, Vickie Edwards Florine, Paula Frisch, Donald Granaman, Nathan Griffith, William Head, Marlene Heider, Margaret Hoh, Sharon Huettner, Harold Hunter, Daniel Kennedy, James Krawczyk, Angela Kozol, Bonnie Gill Kusleika, Susan Lennon, Debra Adams Lingen, Janice Lorenzen, Sheldon Lutte, Charles Magdanz, Nancy Sharp Martin, Michelle McMurphy, Michael McQuinn, Guy Mockelman, Kathy Moritz, Vicki Premis, Roger Ramirez, Gila Rayberg, Karen Reining Bexton, Jaymie Rizzuto, Douglas Russell, Jeffery Seyler, Katherine Snyder, Annette Sommer-Eager, Donald Swanson, Melissa Switzer, Patricia Wakin, Wendy Wiggs, Scott Wilson, Siew-San Wong, and Pamela Wurm, all of Omaha; John Grabow from Fort Calhoun, Neb.; Mary Melonis-Hayden and Richard Perez from Bellevue, Neb.; Edward Southwick from Walton, Neb.; Kay Trager from Glenwood, Iowa; and Amy Hoover from West Milton, Ohio.

Comment

'Regents made a mistake'

Students in the Lincoln division of the College of Nursing are probably still savoring their victory. Once again they packed the audience with supporters during Saturday's Regents meeting, and once again, they saved their school from the ax.

The motion to close the Lincoln division met with a tense silence. The resulting 4-to-4 vote met with sighs of relief. The motion needed the support of five regents to pass.

The nursing students have reason to be happy. At least on the surface. They can continue to attend classes in Lincoln. But what about the quality of those classes?

Closing the division would have saved the university \$518,000. That money must still be cut, and President Roskens has targeted four areas for reductions.

And as Regent James Moylan pointed out, eliminating the Lincoln division would have left a "fully-staffed, fully-accredited and highly recommended nursing school in the state of Nebraska" at the Medical Center in Omaha. Along with Family Residency Programs, Bio-Medical Communication and Seed Grant Programs, Roskens also suggested the College of Nursing as an area to be trimmed of budgetary "fat."

Chances are that neither the college itself, nor any one division, will be eliminated entirely. However, cuts to the college as a whole will almost surely result in reduced academic quality.

The regents made a mistake when they

voted for the complete elimination of four programs (including the School of Technical Agriculture at Curtis, Ne.) but failed to end the duplication of such action within the nursing program. They should have cut the Lincoln division as well.

The agriculture school at Curtis may be closing its doors at a time when farmers need all the help they can get. The university can no longer afford to fund it, so we must rely on the Legislature (yes, the very people who cut the funds and forced the elimination in the first place) to continue funding the institution.

It is frightening to think the university can raise millions of dollars to fund an indoor practice field for the Cornhuskers but cannot come up with money to operate a school which could play an integral role in the recovery of the state.

Granted, the field is not being funded by tax dollars, but that is beside the point. If the money can be generated — from private sources or any other — for athletics, why can't it be generated to help support all academic programs?

Athletics are an important aspect of the education process, but not the most important aspect.

But the day may come when the well-being of each and every state will be based on the size, quality and newness of their athletic facilities. For the sake of all Nebraskans, let's hope so.

New 'sources' of babies pose ethical questions

In a recent NBC broadcast, "The Baby Business," Tom Brokaw took a look at an emerging phenomenon: the delayed birth syndrome. Many women are choosing careers first and delaying childbirth.

Women who wait until later in their lives to begin having children face the problem of a race with the time clock. Age makes it more difficult to conceive, and over the last 20 years, the number of women unable to conceive has doubled.

We have been taught that if we work hard enough, we can have anything we want. Unfortunately, this is not true with fertility.

So where do these couples who are unable to have children turn? The film looked at three

to six months to get her child back in many states. So the adopting parents don't even know if the child is really theirs until six months after it is born. Selling babies to the highest bidder doesn't strike me as ethical by any means.

A third issue, and one that I wasn't aware was as scientifically advanced as it is, is in vitro fertilization, more commonly known as developing test tube babies. In the last year 1,500 of these test tube babies, conceived outside the mother's womb, were born. And this figure accounts for only a third of the women who tried this method. I don't have a problem with this technique, since it helps many couples who are otherwise unable to bear children.

I have problems with in vitro fertilization when more than just basic reproduction is happening in the petrie dish.

Laboratories now are working at freezing embryos and injecting certain genes into them so they develop in a planned manner. In other words, it may no longer be just the parents' genes that are involved. Maybe the scientist will slip in a few of Uncle Joe's, so the child will be more musically inclined, or a few of Grandma's, so it'll be sure to have blond hair.

At a Texas lab, embryos from genetically superior cows are implanted into "inferior" cows to save the strain of pregnancy for the biological mother.

After having been pregnant myself, I realize it's not the most comfortable period for a woman. But just imagine this procedure for people instead of cows:

Mother A with lots of money dearly wants a baby, but the pain and the physical problems all just seem to much to bear. Healthy Mother B already has three children of her own and is having a heck of a time getting by financially, so what's another nine months of wear and tear on her body? Simply rent it out to Mother A and everyone will be happy.

I really think this is going to far, and I hope humans never see things happen like this.

In fact, producing genetically perfect babies reminds me too much of Hitler and his plan to form the perfect race. If God had intended for the earth to be inhabited by clones, then we would all look alike. But since we don't, I think we need to hold on to our individuality and learn to live with it.

When couples marry they should take into consideration the known facts about childbirth. And every couple, whether Catholic or not, should consider the Vatican's opinion: a child is a gift from God.



Viewfinder

Opinions solicited by Tim McMahan



John Neubauer, junior business

"I think they're all out to get money from people. They're not there to help people just themselves."



Tanya Beacham, freshman business

"It's amazing how people can believe in what Roberts says about God calling him to heaven. His actions are for his own well-being."



Thomas Walsh, professor English

"Oral Roberts' alliance with God is just a bit too commercial. I cannot believe that God is going to martyr him if he doesn't get a certain amount of money. Such men as Bakker, of exalted public image and position, should avoid scandal at all costs. I'm surprised a man at his age could get himself so involved."



Shannon Lucky, graduate social sciences education

"They've given religion a bad name. TV religion really never was a good way to get God's message across, but these guys have reduced it to being an absolute farce."



Naomi Thompson, freshman mathematics

"As far as Oral Roberts is concerned, if God told him that, he had no business using it as he did."

Op Ed

2 cars, one parking stall spell trouble for columnist

There is a three-part cardinal rule in the military that you learn from your first day at boot camp: Don't upset the people that prepare your food, hand out your paycheck, or keep track of your medical record.

I think the correct educational analogy would be: Don't upset

William Head



the financial aid people, the registrar, or the librarian. Me thinks that I have broken this rule in the last part.

A smile always makes its way onto my face when I read about the constant parking problems at UNO. Having paid the extra money for a spot in the parking garage, I am never in a pinch

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to find a space two minutes before class starts. I am immune to the frequent problems one hears about, like leaving two hours before your class starts to find a space in time. Unfortunately, my dream world came to an abrupt end Tuesday evening.

I had gone to the library for some quick references and, thus decided to shoot for the parking lot at the library instead of using the distant garage (it was raining).

Surprise! The lot at the library was completely full. Actually, I half expected it after all the stories, so I patiently waited for a space to open up. So I followed a student out to her car. But as she started to pull out, and I in, another car in front of me backed up and cut me off from my target.

Having diligently tracked my prey, I felt obliged to state my case to the driver before me. I got out of my car and started to explain the situation. I noticed that she was ignoring me. She then proceeded to take the spot from right underneath my chaise.

I immediately jumped to action. I stood in front of her car (I never said I was very smart in an argument) and began to yell about my territorial claim. Again, it fell on deaf ears. The young

library worker (were you wondering when that was going to come in?) then stepped on her gas pedal and *hit me* with her

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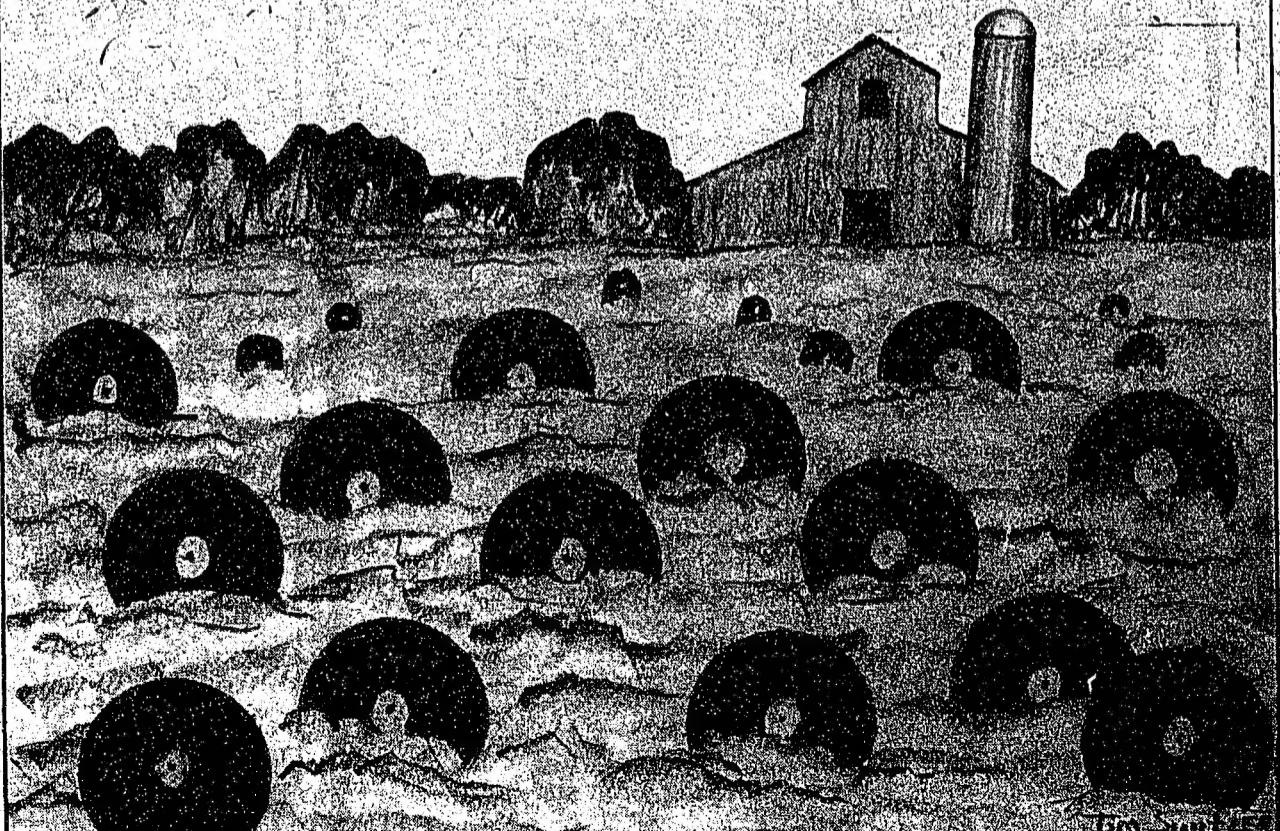
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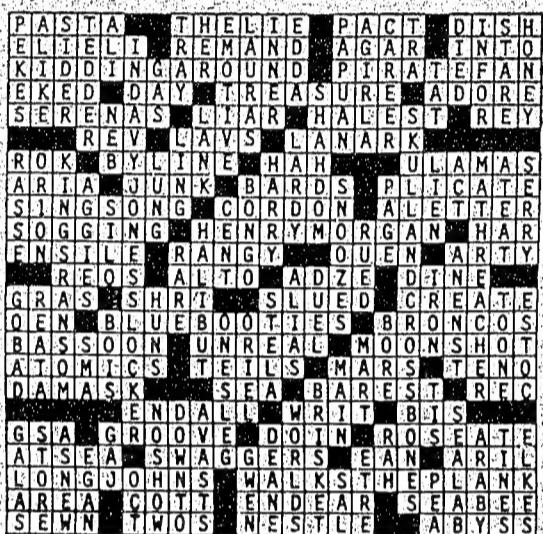
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- Student Programming Organization (SPO) Spring Film Series, "The Coca-Cola Kid," Eppley Auditorium, 7 and 9:30 p.m. today and tomorrow; 4 and 7 p.m. Sunday. Student, faculty and staff admission \$1; general admission \$1.50.
- Art Print Sale, Student Center Ballroom, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- CSBS, third floor Student Center, 11 to 11:50 a.m.
- UNO Dramatic Arts Department presents "Chicago," University Theatre, 8 p.m. April 17, 18, 19, 24 and 25. 2 p.m. April 26.
- Visiting professor Dong Chung will speak on "The Wiener and Feynman Integrals," 3 p.m., Arts and Sciences Hall, Room 308.

Friday 18th

- Elkhorn River Canoe Trip, HPER Outdoor Venture Center.
- Delta Phi Alpha awards banquet, Red Lion Inn, 6 to 10 p.m.
- "Arbor Day Celebration," Neale Woods Nature Center, all day. General admission adults \$2.50; Senior Citizens \$1. No reservations required.
- "Aluminum Can Recycling Day," Fontenelle Forest Na-

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ture Center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- "Earth Day hikes," Fontenelle Forest Nature Center, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Intramural Track Meet, HPER Building, 6 to 10 p.m.

Sunday 19th

- Local Bicycle Tour, HPER Outdoor Venture Center.
- HPER Building closed today.
- "An Easter Woodland Walk," Fontenelle Forest Nature Center, 2 p.m. Open to the public for general admission, no reservations required.
- "Spring Wildflower Walk," Neale Woods Nature Center, 2 p.m. No reservations required. Open to the public for general admission. \$2.50 adults, 65 and older; \$1 Senior Citizens; \$1 children 3 to 11 years; members free.

Monday 20th

- UNO "Greek Week," Volleyball, Pep Bowl, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Any team may enter. Call the Office of Student Activities for more information.

Tuesday 21st

- Intramural Golf Tournament entries due, HPER 100.
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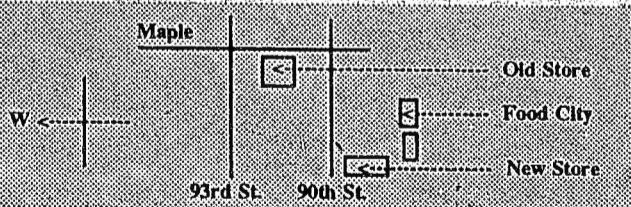
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Preview

'Chicago' gives 'razzle dazzle with a cutting edge'

By DEANA VODICKA
Feature Editor

Bob Fosse's "Chicago," UNO's spring musical-theatre offering, shows how things aren't always what they appear to be, said Cindy Phaneuf, the production's director/choreographer.

"As far as a theme, 'Chicago' is about accepting razzle dazzle, glitter and glory as a substitute for a real substance," Phaneuf said.

Set in the 1920s, "Chicago" tells the story of two women who murder their lovers and then make up vaudeville acts to aquit themselves.

"They use the publicity for their own careers," Phaneuf said. "It makes a statement about the judicial system: how we make acts out of crimes and stars out of criminals," she said. "There's only one person in the play who's not guilty of a crime, and he has no money," she said.

Brent Noel, business manager for the dramatic arts depart-

ment, agrees that "Chicago" is about people and situations that are not as they seem.

"It's definitely not fluff," Noel said. "And things aren't always as they appear to be."

"It's a story of greed, murder and corruption," Phaneuf said, "but it has a cynical side. There's tension between the form and content. You like the people but not the deeds, so you find yourself in conflict."

Phaneuf said the play also deals with the idea that society will be taken in by appearances.

"If we put something in a pretty package, we'll buy it," she said.

"It's razzle dazzle with a cutting edge," she said, "but the bite is there. It's a social statement that the crime in the pretty package comes through eventually. It's about playing the system," Phaneuf said.

"It's not at all fluff," Phaneuf said. "We hope people will see through the glitter and look beyond the dazzle. As one song in the musical goes, 'How can you see with glitter in your eyes?'"

Phaneuf called "Chicago" a "concept musical".

"The storyline is connected through a series of vaudeville acts. It's up to the audience to put the pieces of the puzzle together: to connect them in their own minds," she said.

Noel called the musical "highly stylized".

"Each act has its own style," he said. "It's also the first show in a long time that features a full jazz band, as opposed to a couple of pianos," he said.

David Shrader, dean of UNO's college of fine arts, is the musical director for the production. The UNO Jazz Band, under the direction of UNO faculty member Jay Wise, will provide the instrumental music.

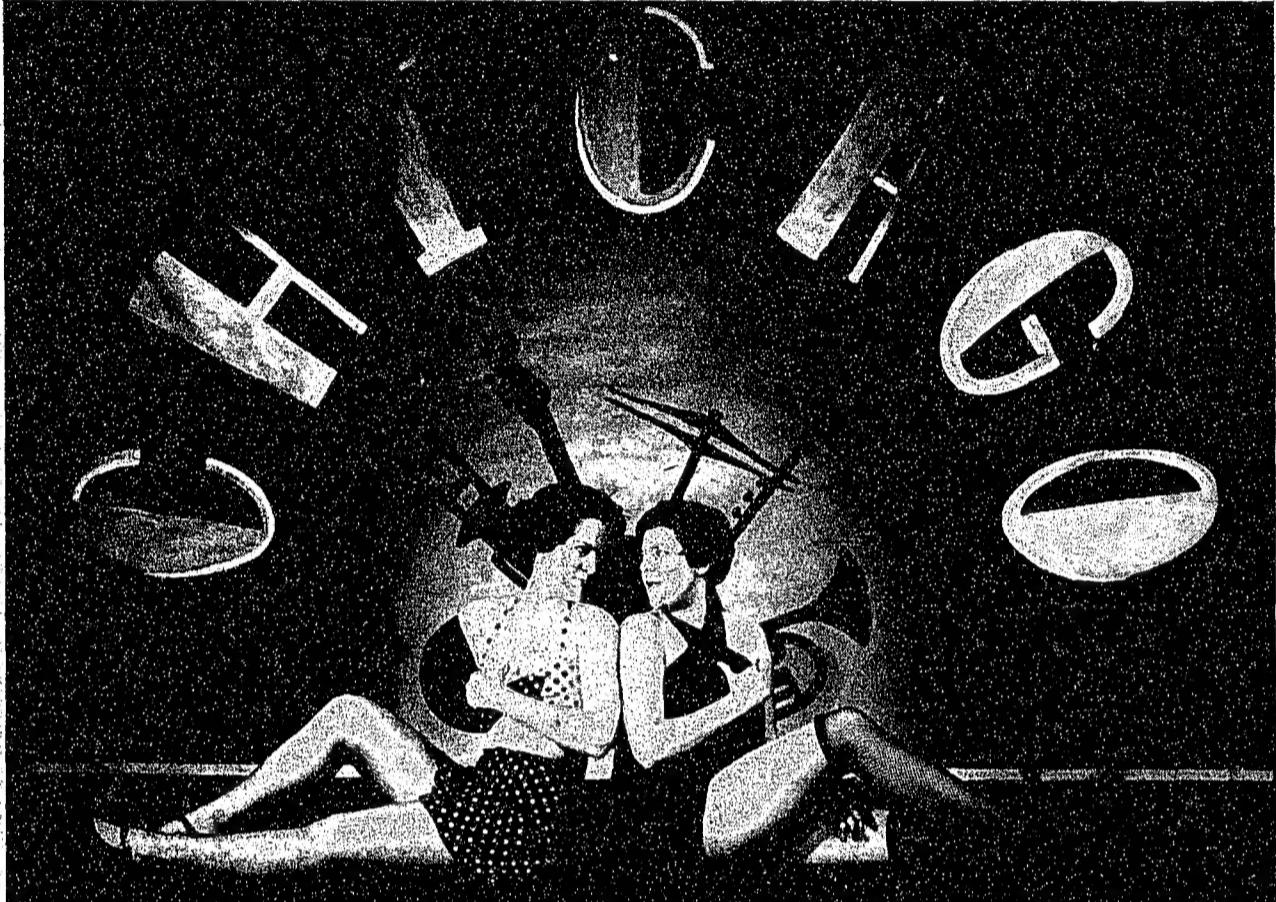
Sets by Michael Brooks and costumes by Janet Sussman, both UNO faculty members, will add necessary, colorful details to the 1920s feel of the play.

"It's really exciting," Phaneuf said. "It has lots of art deco. It's very enticing."

"It starts great right off," Noel said. "We'll give you more and more until you can't stand it. It's not just escapism; the play has something to say," he said.

Production dates for Chicago are April 17, 18, 23, 24, and 25 at 8 p.m., and April 26 at 2 p.m. All performances will take place in the University Theatre, first floor of Arts and Sciences Hall.

Tickets are \$5 general admission, and \$4 for students and senior citizens. Call the UNO Theatre ticket office at 554-2335 for ticket information and reservations.



Dian Henderson, left, and Kati Brazda perform in UNO's spring musical "Chicago."

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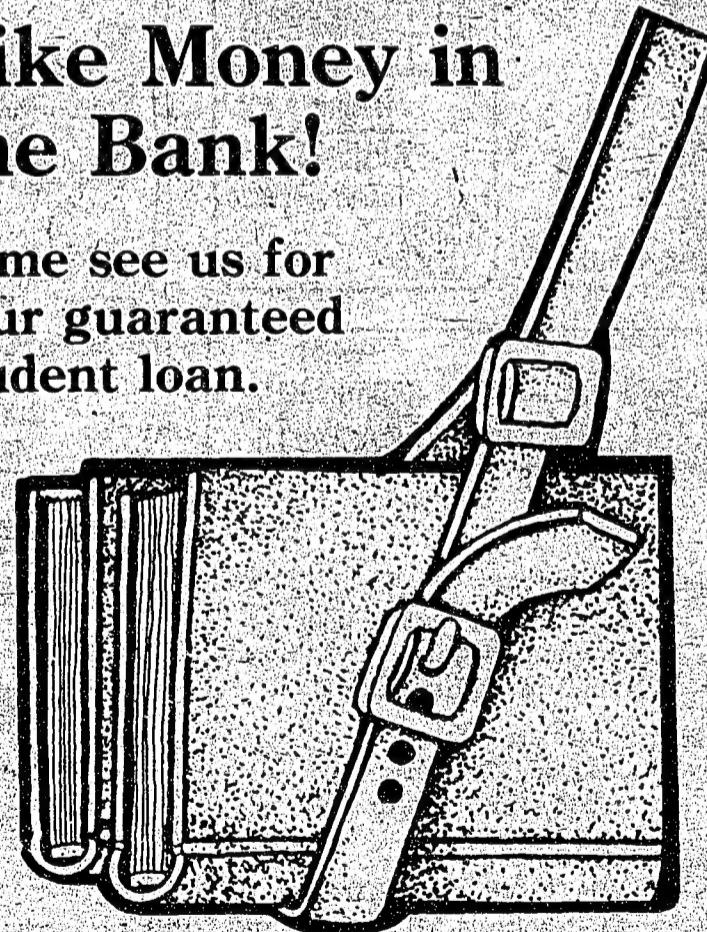
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car. I was much more psychologically upset than physically hurt.

I could have accepted her rolling down the window and saying, "Sorry, buddy. It's dog eat dog out in this neck of the woods. Go back to your precious parking garage!" But what I can't live with is that such an incident could even occur in the first place. That two people could stoop to such an irrational level is both shameful and unnecessary.

For my part in the incident, I can only offer my regret for over-stepping common decency in standing up for what I thought was right. Courtesy should never be forsaken for righteousness.

Still, what bothers me more is that people's frustration could be so easily manifested over a parking space, regardless of the existence of any spatial problems. I offer an apology to the student body at large for my part in the incident in the hope that others will, perhaps, take heed in future confrontations involving parking at UNO.

And, as for my friend at the library, I have no overdue books or outstanding debts, so you're outta luck if you want to "get me." Frankly, I think that both of us would rather forget the event of that rainy night in which fate brought us together. In the future, I suggest we both act a little more civilized.

Letters

'Columnist mixed up'

To the editor:

Please inform Mr. William Head that Ronald Reagan is not trying to reverse Franklin Roosevelt's Fair Deal programs of the 1930s; Mr. Reagan, in fact, is *really* trying to reverse Harry Truman's New Deal programs of the 1950s. If he can just get that one straight, he should have a marvelous career ahead of him as an investigative reporter for the "Weekly World News." He certainly has demonstrated his potential, time and time again.

Jeffrey A. Kallman,
UNO student and
former Gateway columnist

taining than the last.

The back of the program calls it "a fine evening of performing arts entertainment." Austin on Tap was that and more!

Thanks SPO for a great choice!

Michelle Cartier,
UNO Student

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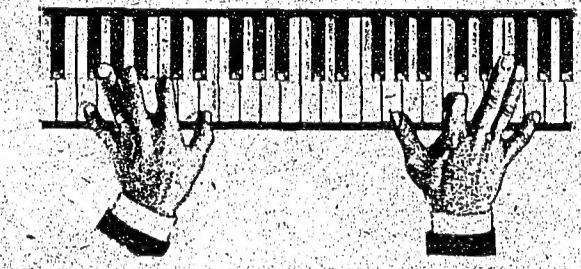
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Sports

Powerful Jackrabbits to test UNO frosh hurlers

By TERRY O'CONNOR
Sports Editor

The heavy-hitting South Dakota State Jackrabbits will test the progress of UNO's freshman-dominated pitching staff this weekend, with the Mav's playoff hopes hanging on the outcome.

The Jacks have a team batting average of .343. Third baseman Tim "Home Run" Johnson supplies the power for SDSU with 23 career home runs, including eight this season.

Three Jack hitters bat more than .400, including Tim Gronseth, .416; Dave Wilner, .409; and Randy Stone, .419. Johnson bats an even .400.

The Mavs, with a team batting average of .286 after 18 games, have nobody on the team that can equal SDSU's gaudy offensive numbers. But Coach Bob Gates said the Jacks can be had.

"We can beat anyone in the league," Gates said. "And South Dakota State has a lot of trouble with their pitching."

SDSU has a team ERA of 10.10 after 18 games with reliever Gronseth leading the way with a .583 ERA. The Jacks have allowed opponents a batting average of .356.

"We need at least a split," Gates said of the four games UNO and SDSU will play. "Anything less than that and we can probably kiss the playoffs goodbye," he said. The first and second-place teams in each division gain the NCC playoffs.

UNO is currently 7-16 overall and 1-3 in the NCC. SDSU is 11-11 and 1-1.

UNO Freshmen Gary Lane, 1-3, and Mike Mercer, 1-3, are scheduled to pitch the first two games of the series in South Dakota. The final two will be played in Omaha at College World Series Park at 1:00 p.m. Saturday.

Lane has been the Mavs most consistent pitcher with a 5.25 ERA. Mercer shares the club lead in innings pitched with Lane at 22.1 apiece.

Gary Newton leads the Mavs with a .375 batting average with three homers and 12 RBIs after 18 games.

Lady Mavs suffer 1st NCC loss in 12-2 drubbing by Mankato St.

The UNO Lady Mavs won four of seven softball games to finish in fifth place in the 12-team University of Northern Iowa tournament in Cedar Falls, Iowa, last weekend.

Included in the seven games were three league contests. UNO shut out North Dakota State 2-0 Friday and defeated St. Cloud State 4-1, Saturday before suffering their first North Central Conference defeat, 12-2 to Mankato State Sunday.

"It was just a total breakdown," UNO Coach Cris Miner said of the Mankato loss.

"It was just a real off day."

The Lady Mavs are now 12-15 for the season, 5-1 in the NCC. "We can win the league," Miner said. "We can beat Mankato. We have to control their hitting a little better, though."

Mankato State scored in every inning but the fourth in a game shortened to five in-

nings by the ten-run rule. Sheila Cech, UNO's winningest pitcher at 7-7, took the loss.

Miner says the Lady Mavs may be on the verge of breaking out of their season-long slump.

"I see some encouraging signs," she said. "The girls are starting to enjoy themselves."

"I think after the volleyball and basketball teams did so well this year, we felt pressure to do the same," Miner said. "Now we've lost a few games and the girls realize that they need to play their game. It's starting to be fun again for them."

UNO defeated Illinois Chicago 5-1 and lost to host team Northern Iowa 2-0 in Friday games. Kearney State defeated the Lady Mavs 2-0 Saturday. UNO clipped Concordia, Minn., 6-5 in eight innings Sunday to conclude non-NCC action.

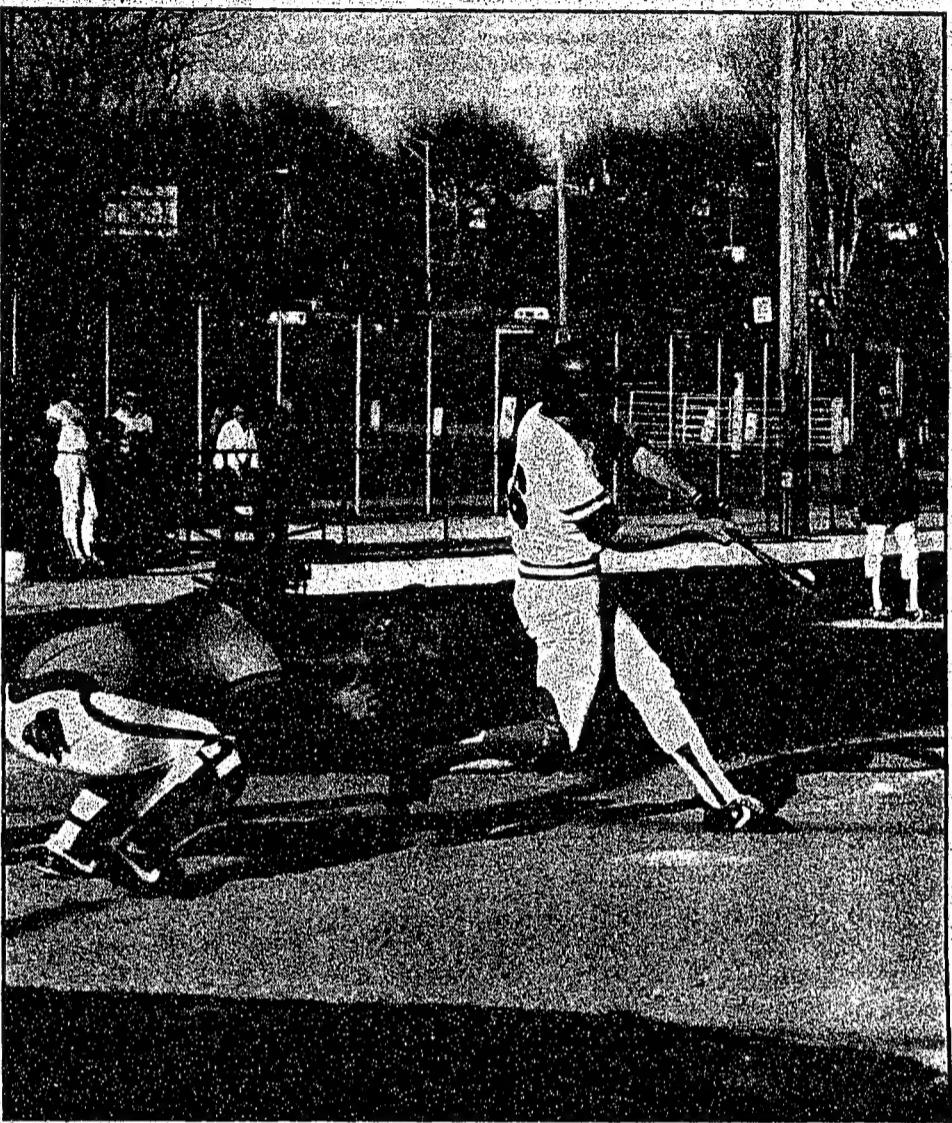


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Scott Limbo rips a double into left field for the Mavs.

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Buda gives Mavs passing grades in football 'midterms'

By TERRY O'CONNOR
Sports Editor

Midway through spring drills, UNO Coach Sandy Buda says he is pleased with the progress his football team has made. But . . .

"You know what mid-term grades mean," Buda said. "Nothing. We need to sustain our improvement. And the last half of spring drills is tougher for the players. They begin with enthusiasm, and after a while there is a tendency to let down."

Far from letting down, the first-string offense has been in high gear since practices began. After a four-touchdown showing in the first scrimmage, the No. 1 offense produced all the scoring in the second skirmish last Saturday.

Paul Anderson, a transfer from Nebraska-Lincoln, rumbled 7 yards for the first touchdown against the No. 2 defense. Anderson gained 10 yards on three carries from his fullback slot and caught one pass for 21 yards.

"Paul Anderson has shown some tough running ability," Buda said. "He'll help the team

this fall."

Sophomore Rick Gales, UNO's leading returning rusher, led the Mavs with 106 yards on nine carries and one touchdown.

Kicker John Bonacci, a freshman from Papillion, capped scoring with the only tally against the No. 1 defense. Bonacci drilled a 25-yard field goal as the top two units clashed for the first time in the scrimmage.

"The offense has made great strides this spring," Buda said. "Of course they had a long way to go, and they still have a lot of room to grow."

Quarterback play has been steady with sophomore Todd Sadler still holding an edge over senior Rick Majerus.

"Majerus is having a good spring," Buda said. "They both are. Sadler's completed about 75 percent of his passes and Majerus is hitting on 50 percent."

Either mark would be a vast improvement over last fall, when UNO quarterbacks combined for a 42 percent completion rate and tossed only four touchdown passes compared to 18 interceptions.

In the receiving corps, senior tight end Brad Beckman continued to shine in his return from a broken collarbone that sidelined him last season.

Beckman caught one pass for 27 yards, but it was his blocking that drew the most praise. "Beckman can really clear a hole," Buda said. "He's as valuable for his blocking and leadership as he is for his pass-catching ability."

Former All-North Central Conference wide receiver Terry Allen is running with the second team at flanker pending academic clearance to play. Tim Krof is the No. 1 flanker.

"Allen seems to be working hard," Buda said. "If he's there and available this fall, it's a bonus. If not, we aren't depending on him as a first-teamer, and it won't disrupt us."

Buda said one of the best battles of the spring is being waged at the wide receiver position. Tim Williamson, a senior from Reno, Nev., has taken over the No. 1 spot from sophomore Bobby Gordon. Gordon was UNO's leading receiver last season.

Senior linebacker Darin Lintner's return to

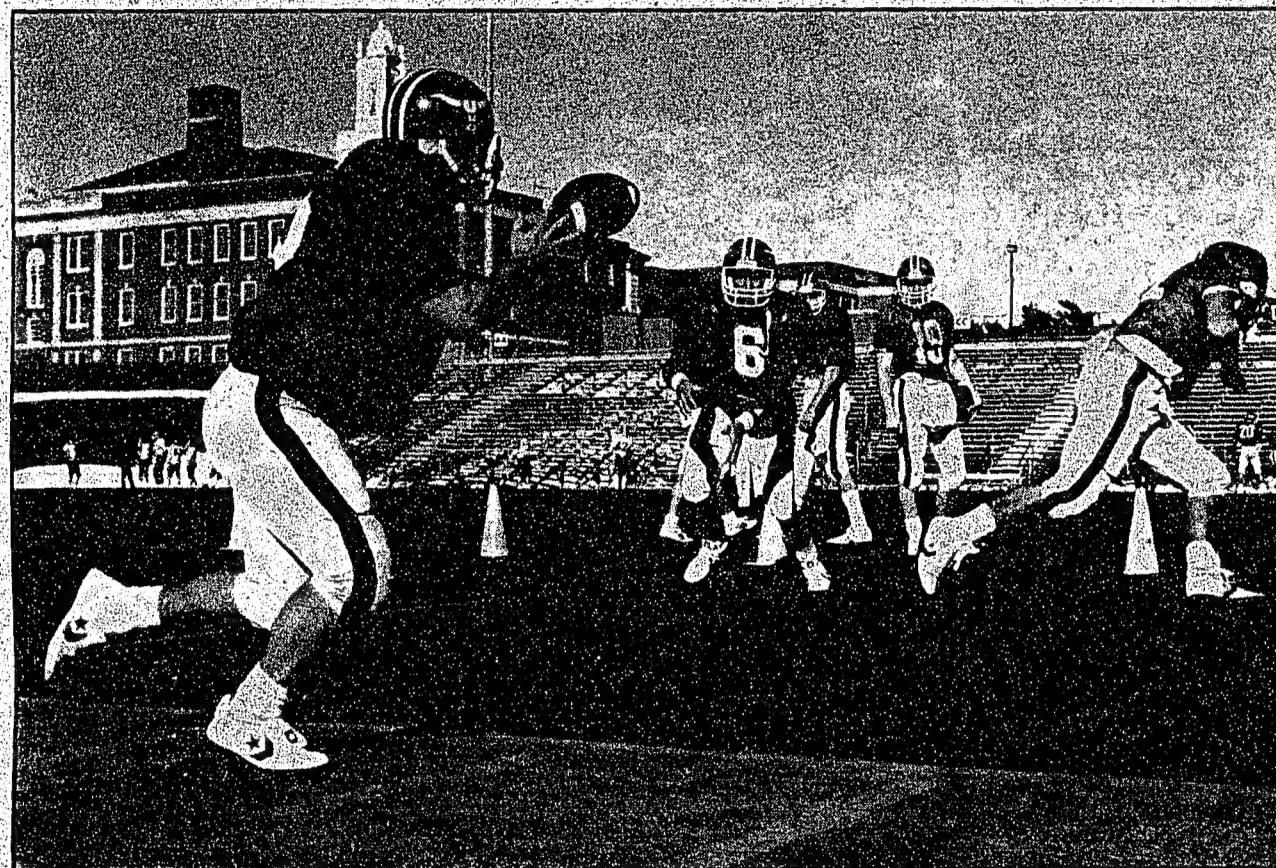
form helped the defense show marked improvement in the second scrimmage Buda said.

"Lintner really had a poor first scrimmage," Buda said. "Both he and Allen are rusty from not playing last year. Beckman came back and practiced with us the last three weeks of the season, and he doesn't show the effects of the layoff as much."

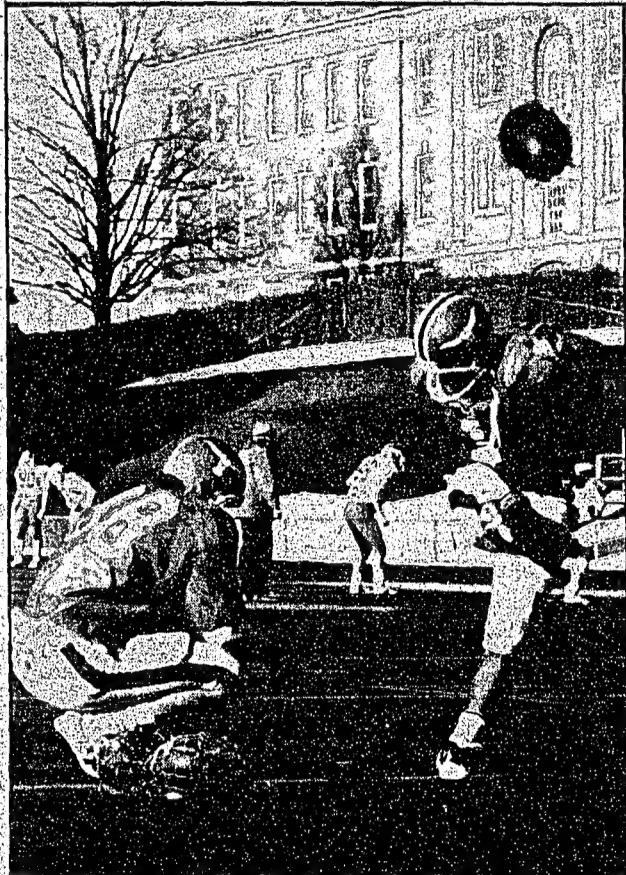
Lintner led a defensive effort that dumped the offense for 64 yards in losses and stopped the rusher for no gain on approximately half of the running plays. Lintner also grabbed an interception, and a pass he tipped was also picked off.

Mike McDonnell, a junior from Omaha Gross, has emerged as one of the pleasant surprises of the spring said Buda. McDonnell, a transfer from South Dakota, has been shifted from a free safety position to strongside linebacker.

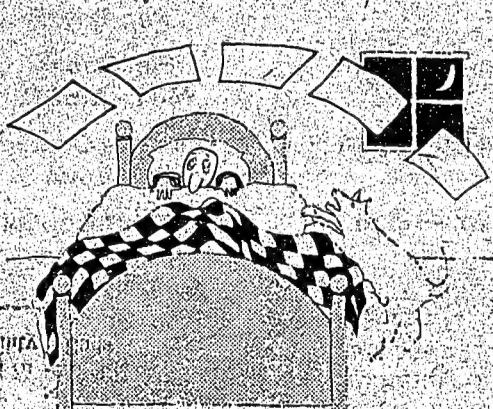
UNO will have their third spring scrimmage today at 5 p.m. Practice ends April 26 with the Red-White Game at Al Caniglia Field at 1:30 p.m.



Jeff Gillespie, No. 6, pitches the football to a running back during a UNO practice as No. 1 quarterback Todd Sadler, No. 19, watches.



John Bonacci, No. 1, hopes to succeed Greg Morris as the UNO place-kicker this fall. Bonacci kicked a 25-yard field goal against the first-team defense last Saturday.



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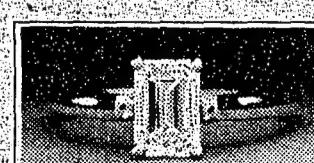
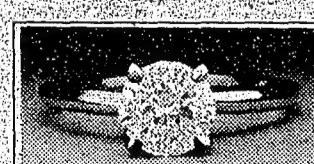
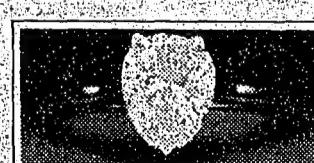


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